

Friday, July 17, 2020

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson.....Wanda Banks
Vice Chairperson.....Dan Martin
Secretary.....E.J. Quinn
OT Member.....Rae-Ann Smith
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre

Staff

Executive Director.....Lauren Murray
Board Counsel.....Bethan Haggaa
Compliance Officer.....Denise Goetz

Guests

AOTA Representative.....Kristen Neville

Members Absent

OT Member.....Caitlin Brogan

9:00—GENERAL SESSION -- OPEN MEETING

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of July General Session Agenda. Ms. Murray asked that there be modifications to remove the NBCOT presentation and Application Question but add NBCOT Compact under Administrative Reports. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve with modifications. Mr. Quinn seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of June General Session Minutes. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve it. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 42 licensees from June’s Executive Session. Mr. Quinn made a motion. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'20

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. AOTA/NBCOT Compact

- a. There have been several informational calls lately regarding the AOTA/NBCOT Multi-State Compact.
- b. Ms. Murray read a statement from several Towson students in support of the compact.
- c. Mr. Martin and Ms. Murray will be attending phone calls to find out about revenue and some other potential issues.
- d. Ms. Neville provided information regarding whether or not NBCOT certification was necessary and the council that will be in charge of the compact.

b. Renewals

- a. As of Thursday, July 16th, 1,882 OTs and OTAs have renewed (1,471 OTs and 411 OTAs).
- b. 592 licensees still need to renew (386 OTs and 206 OTAs).
- c. Currently, the deadline for renewals has been extended until August 15th. If the State of Emergency is still in effect on August 10th, the deadline will be extended until September 15th.
- d. The Secretary of Health has said that if further extensions could be detrimental to the public, then the Boards could appeal this decision. If Maryland is still in a State of Emergency at the end of 2020, Ms. Murray suggested that the Board appeal to stop the extensions.

- i. Ms. Banks agreed.

c. MyLicense Upgrade Update

- a. The Board Staff is still waiting to hear back from the Office of Enterprising Technology.

d. Return to the Office Update

- a. There is a “reopening” date for the Department of Health offices of August 10th.
- b. However, because the Governor asks that anyone who can telework to continue doing so, the Board Staff will continue to telework except for a once weekly mail pickup and check deposit, or other emergent situations.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Caitlin Brogan, OT/R

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

Nothing to report.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R

Staff: Denise Goetz

Nothing to report.

4. Secretary's Report

E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary

Nothing to report.

5. Executive Committee--

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Daniel Martin, Ph.D.

Staff: Lauren Murray

Correspondence

- A. An OT asked if OTs can perform both initial and comprehensive assessments in a skilled nursing facility, even if a nurse is available.
 - a. Ms. Banks agreed that OTs can perform both assessments.
 - b. In regards to the availability of a nurse, Ms. Haggard said that it is outside the scope of licensing and discipline.
- B. An OT asked what requirements are necessary to work in an inpatient behavioral health program.
 - a. Ms. Quirk stated that it is up to the facility.
- C. An OT asked if he/she could perform telehealth with a part A skilled nursing facility patient.
 - a. Ms. Banks said that it is up to the facility.
- D. An OT had a follow-up question asking if an aide can do the hands-on part of an evaluation where the OT is virtual.
 - a. Ms. Quirk said that the OTA is trained with even coming up with treatments with an OTR, but an aide is not. She felt it was not best practice.
 - b. Ms. Smith agreed.
 - c. Ms. Murray will say that since aides are not trained in evaluations that they cannot be the hands-on people in this situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. There will be no August Meeting, unless a need for a special Executive Session arises. September's meeting will be via Google Meet.
- 2. Ms. Neville said that they are working to get more feedback on the Compact.
 - a. AOTA is having listening sessions on diversity and improvement. There will be another session geared towards academia in July.
 - b. AOTA is working with states for advocating telehealth policies.
- 3. Ms. Smith said that NBCOT should be caught up with testing by the end of August.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.